

the word "except" in line 8, the words "the budget law and all"? The Chair hears no objection.

The amendment is submitted by Delegate Case. Is there a second?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The amendment being seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate Case.

DELEGATE CASE: Mr. President and members of the Convention, this is purely a stylistic amendment, in my judgment, which will provide or make clear, rather, that the budget law, as well as supplementary appropriation laws, can embrace more than one subject.

We all know that as a matter of practice this is the case. The budget law embraces a great number of subjects, literally hundreds, maybe even thousands.

As the constitution is now devised, the section on taxation and finance probably would cover this, but to make it perfectly clear that the budget law, and prior to that the budget bill, can contain more than one subject, these words are added.

Of course it follows, naturally, that a supplemental appropriation law which is already in here should contain more than one subject. I think this is merely, as I said earlier, a stylistic amendment, Mr. President, and I urge its passage.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any questions of the sponsor of the amendment? Delegate Beatrice Miller.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: By checking the present Constitution, I do not find that there is any exception under the section which requires that all bills embrace but one subject. Perhaps I have missed it. Can Delegate Case tell me where I can find it?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Case.

DELEGATE CASE: No, Delegate Miller, you did not miss it. This is historical more than good constitutional draftsmanship. The section which requires every bill to contain one subject is a very old section that actually went into the constitution probably certainly at least as early as 1867. The budget bill, as you know, was first enacted in 1960, and at the time the budget amendment was enacted, the General Assembly did not amend the older section, and it has been the practice and custom that the budget bill can, as it must, contain these myriads of subjects, and that is the reason. Now that we are doing the job de

novo, so to speak. It seems like a good idea to put the whole thing in so it is symmetrical.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, I would like to say that Mr. Case' amendment is now available in printed form. It has the letter "T" as in Thomas at the top.

THE PRESIDENT: Will the pages please distribute Amendment "T"—"T" for tear. Amendment "T" will be Amendment No. 4.

Delegate Case, this embraces something more than what you indicated. I take it that you nevertheless offer the entire amendment.

DELEGATE CASE: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, pages distribute Amendment T. This will be Amendment No. 4. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 4, to Committee Recommendation LB-1, LB-2, LB-3, as amended by Report No. S&D-16, by Delegate Case: On page 6, section 3.16, Form of Laws, in line 8 after the word "except" add the words "the budget law and"; and in line 11 strike out the word "All" and insert in lieu thereof the words: "The budget law and all"; and in line 12 after the words "subject of" add the words "budget and".

THE PRESIDENT: The amendment is submitted by Delegate Case. Is there a second?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The amendment having been seconded — Delegate Hostetter?

DELEGATE HOSTETTER: Personal privilege, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: State the privilege.

DELEGATE HOSTETTER: Mr. President and members of the Convention, at precisely this moment in time, 3:00 P.M., twenty-one years ago with 364 days added to that, the youngest member of the Constitutional Convention was born. I would like you and the entire convention to join me in wishing Delegate John Hutchinson a happy birthday. He will be twenty-two tomorrow.

*(Applause.)*